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SUBJECT: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (SAC) BILL  
LANGUAGE -- MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE (MRA)

1. SUMMARY. THE SENATE HAS PASSED A FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO GO TO CONFERENCE WITH THAT OF THE HOUSE (SEPTTEL, NOTAL) IN SEPTEMBER. FOLLOWING TEXT, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE READ ONLY RPT ONLY AS INDICATIVE OF POSSIBLE MRA FUNDING FOR FY 89. (WE WILL TRANSMIT TEXT OF BILL AS IT EMERGES FROM CONFERENCE.) TEXT OF BILL LANGUAGE AS MARKED UP BY SAC WAS UNCHANGED ON FLOOR, AND FOLLOWS PARAS 2-3. IT EARMARKS 54 PERCENT OF MRA FUNDING. THE BOTTOM LINE FOR MRA WAS INCREASED BY USDOLS 21.95 MILLION, BUT EARMARKS OUTSIDE THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST TOTAL USDOLS 52.60 MILLION. IF UNCHANGED IN THE CONFERENCE, THIS WOULD NECESSITATE CUTS TO MOST OF OUR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OVERSEAS BECAUSE THE REFUGEE ADMISSIONS ACCOUNT IS EARMARKED. THE EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND (ERMA) WAS REPLENISHED FULLY TO USDOLS 50 MILLION (THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST DID NOT INCLUDE REPLENISHMENT FOR ERMA), BUT WAS EARMARKED ENTIRELY FOR ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

2. (TEXT OF BILL LANGUAGE) MIGRATION AND REFUGEE

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ASSISTANCE: FOR EXPENSES, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROVIDE, AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, A CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR MIGRATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES; SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980; ALLOWANCES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 5921 THROUGH 5925 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE; HIRE OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES; AND SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 3109 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE; USDOLS 361,950,000:

PROVIDED, THAT NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 28,000,000 SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR SOVIET, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER REFUGEES RESETTLING IN ISRAEL:

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES EQUITY IN THE TREATMENT OF ALL REFUGEES RECEIVING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE:

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NO FUNDS HEREIN APPROPRIATED SHALL BE USED TO ASSIST DIRECTLY IN THE MIGRATION TO ANY NATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE OF ANY PERSON NOT HAVING A SECURITY CLEARANCE BASED ON REASONABLE STANDARDS TO ENSURE AGAINST COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE:

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 140,000,000 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM, INCLUDING AIDS SCREENING, OF WHICH (1) NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 46,000,000 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FIRST ASYLUM REFUGEES FROM EAST ASIA AND, (2) NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 15,000,000 SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR COSTS OF THE EXPEDITED RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE AMERASIANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR REFUGEE BENEFITS:

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 20,000,000 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES:

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 1,500,000 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE ANTI-PIRACY PROGRAM, NONE OF WHICH FUNDS MAY BE USED BY ANY GOVERNMENT TO DENY ASYLUM TO INDIVIDUALS SEEKING ASYLUM:

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 1,500,000 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A THAILAND BORDER REFUGEE EDUCATION PROGRAM:

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NOT MORE THAN USDOLS 8,000,000 OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND: FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2(C) OF THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1962, AS AMENDED (22 U.S.C. 260(C)), USDOLS 50,000,000, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED: PROVIDED, THAT ALL OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE FUNDS MADE

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AVAILABLE UNDER THIS HEADING ARE APPROPRIATED  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION  
2(C)(2) OF THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT OF  
1962 WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS WHICH COULD  
BE APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE: PROVIDED FURTHER,  
THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION AND EXPENDITURE FOR AFGHAN  
REFUGEES ONLY AFTER FUNDS APPROPRIATED ON OTHERWISE  
EARMARKED FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE AFGHAN PEOPLE UNDER  
SECTION 537 OF THIS ACT AND UNDER THE HEADING QUOTE,  
MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, UNQUOTE HAVE BEEN  
OBLIGATED. (END TEXT) WHITEHEAD  
END OF MESSAGE

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